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SUBJ: IFAD: FOURTH PREPCOM MEETING, JULY 11-15

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1. SUMMARY. GOV AGREES WITH U.S. POSITION ON IFAD RELATIONSHIP WITH UN AND IFI'S, BUT IS NONCOMMITAL ON SECRETARIAT DRAFT ON ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING. GOV RATIFICATION OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN A FEW DAYS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 7 EMBASSY OFFICER CONVEYED CONTENTS REFTEL TO JULIO GIL, DEPUTY TO MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND, SEPARATELY, TO ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. LATTER DEFERRED TO GIL AS RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL FOR IFAD MATTERS. COPIES OF AIDE MEMOIRE WERE LEFT WITH BOTH.

3. GIL WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITION DESCRIBED IN PARAS 2A, 2B, AND 2C. HE ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEM IN ACCEPTANCE OF THESE DRAFT AGREEMENTS BY OTHER PREPCOM MEMBERS. UNCLASSIFIED

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4. GIL SAID VENEZUELA AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH U.S. VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARA 2D REGARDING STAFFING AND ORGANIZATIONAL CRITERIA, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT REGARDING GOV POSITION ON REVISED SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL. HE SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THE U.S. POSITION AND INFORM THE EMBASSY OF ANY FURTHER GOV REACTION.

5. GIL SAID VENEZUELAN CONGRESS APPROVED IFAD ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT ON JULY 4. HE EXPECTED FORMAL RATIFICATION, NOW JUST A FORMALITY, WITHIN A FEW DAYS. GIL SAID VENEZUELA HAD URGED OTHER OPEC MEMBERS TO RATIFY PROMPTLY.

6. GIL TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION TWO ISSUES OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO VENEZUELA:

1. THE GOV BELIEVES THAT IFAD SHOULD CO-FINANCE WITH OTHER IFI'S;

2. THE GOV IS CONCERNED THAT IFAD MAY NOT STRIKE A PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN THE OBJECTIVES OF STIMULATING LDC FOOD PRODUCTION AND FAVORING THE POOREST COUNTRIES, WHICH MAY NOT HAVE THE BEST POTENTIAL FOR ACCOMPLISHING THE FORMER OBJECTIVE.

GIL POINTED OUT THAT UNDER PROPOSED CRITERIA BASED ON PER CAPITA INCOME ONLY FOUR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR IFAD ASSISTANCE. HE ASKED THAT THESE CONCERNS BE CONVEYED TO THE USG.

7. COMMENT. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT GOV WILL INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION TO OPPOSE THE SECRETARIAT DRAFT ON ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING PATTERN. GIL SAID GOV HAD NOT PLANNED TO SEND ITS DELEGATION ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FOURTH PREPCOM, SINCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING APPEARED TO SUFFICE.

8. VENEZUELA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE FOURTH PREPCOM BY ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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AMBASSADOR TO FAO, LUIS LA CORTE, AND HIS DEPUTY, HELIODORO CLAVERI.
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